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Weekend Weather

Partly sunny on Saturday with a high of 65. Mostly cloudy but unseasonably warm on Sunday with highs near 70. A chance of showers later in the day. Welcome November with a picnic outside.

Skaggs named Graduate School Dean at Convocation

By Dale Peck, Jr.
Staff Writer

Fall convocation is "for students who have completed their degree requirements since May," according to Cindy Moran, Drew's public relations officer and coordinator of the event.

With the words, "Gather us now in your presence, O God," University Chaplain Jenny Jackson-Adams began the 1986 Fall Convocation in the Baldwin Gymnasium last Friday. Over 90 degree candidates participated in the ceremony.

Each convocation normally has a theme, and this year's was the installation of Dr. Merrill Maguire Skaggs as Dean of the Graduate School. Dean Skaggs was appointed last year as a replacement for retiring Dean Bard Thompson, but her appointment was not official until the convocation.

Before Skaggs was officially pronounced dean, three annual honors were proferred upon Drew University professors.

Lois Beekey of the German and Russian Departments was announced the Donald R. and Winifred B. Baldwin Professor of Humanities Chair. The Distinguished Service Award was given to Dean Alton Sawin, Jr., director of financial aid.

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Student demostrators again turned up in order to urge the board of trustees to divest, this time at the Fall Convocation held last Friday.

The Scholar/Teacher of the Year Award was given to Jacqueline Berke, professor of English.

The Drew University Chorale, with soloist Caitlin Haughey, a freshman, and directed by Warren H. Brown, performed "Simple Gifts," a Shaker medley arranged by Aaron Copland.

The official ceremony of investiture took place in four parts.

The Charge, which, according to Moran, brings "a message of greeting or aspiration" to the new Dean, was delivered by Marilyn Callader, Ph.D. candidate, representing students of the Graduate School, Professor of Political Science David Cowell, representing its faculty, and Nancy S. Schaenen, Chair and convocation representative of the Board of Trustees.

The Investiture was given as a simple pronouncement by President Hardin, followed by the Conveying of the Symbols of Office.

Barbara Morris Caspersen, Ph.D. candidate and Trustee, conveyed the Gavel and the Mace, and Professor of Religion James H. Pain delivered the Seal of the Office of the Dean and Robert's Rules of Order. The Prayer of Installation was delivered by Rev. Clyde Merrill Maguire, mother of the new Dean.

Following the installation of the dean, all degrees were conferred. Dr. Richard A. R. Fraser was given the honorary degree, Doctor of Science, honoris causa. Dr. Fraser is one of the world's preeminent neurosurgeons, and was nominated for his degree by Skaggs on the basis of his research into various brain-related disorders.

According to the information provided with the Convocation Program, Dr. Fraser's "nomination carries special significance for Dean Skaggs and her family, since Dr. Fraser treated her daughter through four life-threatening episodes."

The conferring of degrees in course followed Dr. Fraser, as presented by President Hardin, Registrar Barry Kane, and the Deans of the College, Theological School, and Graduate School: Paolo Cucchi, Thomas Ogletree, and Skaggs. Degrees awarded included Bachelor of Arts, Doctor of Ministry, and Doctor of Philosophy, and degree recipients represented all schools of the University.

Although the bulk of the audience was composed of teachers, parents, and friends, the Drew University Anti-partheid Movement was also present.

Andrea Spencer, a Theological student and facilitator for D.A.A.M., said of the rally:

"We have promised each other that we are going to be a presence and demonstrate every time the trustees gather here. Even though there has been a divestment of some companies in South Africa, that doesn't mean our job is done here."

President Hardin honored the demonstrators "impulse and their sincerity," and thanked them for the "civil and totally responsible way" in which they conducted themselves.

The ceremonies were concluded with a hymn by Handel and a benediction, delivered by Professor of Homiletics Charles Rice. Afterwards, a reception was held at Great Hall in Dean Skaggs' honor.

WMNJ faces obscurity

By Leslee York
News Editor

WMNJ, Drew's student run radio station, must have $20,000 to increase its watts from 10 to 100 so as to avoid being phased out by the Federal Communications Commission.

According to Air Staff Director Melissa Kennedy, the FCC is seeking to eliminate 10 watt stations, which are usually local and don't broadcast over large areas.

"Basically it's sink or swim," said Kennedy.

She explained that in 1983 WMNJ staffers Mike Shavel and Jonathan Lander, in an attempt to obtain the 100 watts, had to write to the Extracurricular Activities Board chair to prove the station's value.

A request was also sent to the F.C.C., which granted WMNJ permission for the change last November. According to an article in the November 22, 1985 **Acorn**, the final obstacle to the gain was removed when all-jazz WBGO in Newark ceased protesting that WMNJ would impinge on their airspace.

However, Kennedy said, FCC approval wasn't enough. Many adjustments and improvements are needed to make the station able to handle the upped wattage.

Again, the junior said, the staff must submit a letter to the E.C.A.B. chairperson, Kenny Long, requesting the denied funds and justifying the request based on the advantages it offers the community in the form of programming and services.

"Getting the money depends on our success in proving our worth to the campus and the community," said Kennedy.

The task of expanding WMNJ's focus from primarily student deejayed slots to more diversified community service is a considerable one.

Community Relations Director Colleen Dube said she must contact each administrator, faculty member, club head, local civic organization, Madison business, trustee, and alumnus to explain that WMNJ is available to serve them with announcements and programs. At present, she said, she is seeking a staff to take on part of the task.

"If anybody has any ideas for special programming - it doesn't have to be musical - they should get in touch with us," Dube said. She said the station is soliciting debates, news programs, discussions of controversial issues, professors' lectures, and club events.

"WMNJ is for the whole community," said Kennedy.

"Just because you're not on the MNJ staff doesn't mean you can't be part of the station," Dube added.

In the past, professors have created programs, such as a feminist perspectives series in January of 1984.

Dube said sponsorships from businesses are also being sought. These are paid, non-commercial statements made by the deejay whose show is supported.

Kennedy agreed that the sum of $20,000 is large, but she said the station's staff of over 130 students is willing to work hard for it. "We'll do fund-raisers to earn what we can, but we need the support of Drew. We're not played in the Commons, not played in the U.C. Nobody does use the station like they could."

Ambulance delay causes procedure revision

By Ray Smith
News Editor

An incident in which a security communication problem delayed the arrival of an ambulance for almost 45 minutes has resulted in the revision of emergency procedures and prompted the University to seek a new radio transmission system.

The incident involved a Tolley second sophomore who was stricken by a severe asthma attack about 6 p.m. last Saturday night. As soon as the problem became apparent to her boyfriend, he alerted R.A. and acting RD Deirdre Kane who immediately called the infirmary.

When informed that the student could not walk, the infirmary told Kane to call security. Within a few minutes, a security guard arrived and upon seeing the situation used his walkie talkie to tell the switchboard to call for an ambulance.

Although the message was dispatched, the switchboard operator never received it, according to Chief of Security Manford Ayers, who said that there are "dead spots" on campus where Security radios cannot transmit always back to the base

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